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**Washington & Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference  
Seeking Proposals Focused on Envisioning Higher Education Sustainability and  
Resiliency**

*Call for input, speaker and session proposals open through September 11*

**August 5, 2020 (Seattle, WA)** – Organizers of the annual Washington & Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) have announced the [Call for Speaker and Session Proposals](#) for the 2021 conference, a hybrid event taking place **February 10-12** at South Seattle College and also available virtually from any location. WOHESC 2021 will continue to advance action around equity, diversity and inclusion through thematic elements, speakers and attendees while aiming to examine systemic change and generate dialogue that guides and inspires action.

Established in 1969 and located on an 87-acre hilltop campus in West Seattle, South Seattle College offers panoramic views of the Seattle skyline and surrounding mountains. This unique setting serves as a portal of opportunity for students with diverse needs to meet their educational and career goals. “We are excited about being the first Community College to host WOHESC,” says Seattle Colleges Sustainability Coordinator Adam Maurer. “We look forward to welcoming you to our unique campus, so we can learn from one another on how to move toward more sustainable campuses and communities.”

The 2021 Conference program will focus on the theme **People, Planet, People: Envisioning Higher Education Sustainability and Resiliency in 2030**. After all that we have learned in 2020, we want to share what we can expect to see for the next 10 years. Conference organizers are seeking experts and leaders who will share their experiences within their respective specialties on topics ranging from meaningful projects that impact the community and the environment, climate resilience, social permaculture and more.

The [2021 WOHESC Call for Speaker & Session Proposals](#) is open until **September 11, 2020**. WOHESC is seeking, but is not limited to, submissions on a variety of impact topics, focused on best practice leadership in the following higher education focus areas:

- Academics
- Community
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Engagement
- Operations & Facilities
- Planning and Administration

- Student Leadership
- Wellness

### **Focus on Social Justice, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

The top priority for the conference program is to be diverse, equitable, and inclusive (DEI). We will weave DEI throughout conference thematic elements, sessions, workshops, speakers and attendees. The conference will include equity and diversity across all groups including race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation or belief, disability, age, gender identity, socioeconomic background, sexual orientation, institution, or industry background.

The WOHEC Call for Proposals – Speakers and Session requirements and submission form can be found at [wohesc.org](http://wohesc.org).

Registration for WOHEC 2021 is open now with special ticket options available for university faculty, staff and students. **New for 2021, attendees now have the option to purchase a ticket to attend the event virtually making the conference more accessible to all in any location.** Early Bird tickets range from \$75-\$225 and are available online at [wohesc.org/register](http://wohesc.org/register) or call 206-459-0595.

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### **Conference Details**

Washington and Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHEC) 2021

**Wednesday, February 10 - Friday, February 12, 2021**

Hybrid event: In-Person at South Seattle College | The Brockey Conference Center

Virtual access: Register for conference sessions available from any location

Tickets available at [wohesc.org/register](http://wohesc.org/register) or via phone at 206-459-0595

### **About Washington & Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHEC)**

The Washington & Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHEC), produced by Social Enterprises, Inc., is a platform for inspiring change, facilitating action, and promoting collaboration related to sustainability within the region's higher education institutions. Conversation, workshops, and networking opportunities will empower participants to advance environmental performance at Washington and Oregon State institutions of higher education. More at [wohesc.org](http://wohesc.org).